

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and examination on the merits of the application identified in caption in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

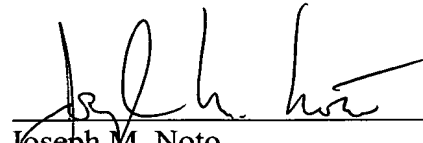
In response to the requirement for election of invention mailed September 29, 2005, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a method of using spermidine. Currently, claims 1-4 and 9-12 read on the elected invention. The restriction requirement between the inventions of Groups I and II is improper because the respective fields of search are closely related. Therefore, there would be no undue burden imposed by the examination of the claims of Group I together with the claims of Group II. In further support, Applicants note that originally filed claims 1-8 were found to have unity of invention and were indeed searched and examined as reported in the International Preliminary Examination report.

By the present amendment, claims 1-4 have been amended and new claims 9-12 have been added, so that claims 1-12 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-4 have been rewritten as method of use claims and new claims 9-12 have been presented as depending method claims which incorporate the compositional subject matter of originally filed claims 5-8. Accordingly, no new matter has been presented by way of the instant amendment.

Examination of all the claims of record is next in order, and such action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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